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Improvement of Provincial Highways in South Arcot district.

* 1116 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the names of works included in the Five-Year Plan for the improvement of Provincial Highways in the South Arcot district?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Attention of the hon. Member is invited to the paper [a] laid on the table of the House."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" தென்னாற்காடு மாவட்டத்தில் கடலூருக்கும் சித்தூருக்கும் ரோடு போடும் திட்டம் ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில் சேர்க்கப் பட்டிருக்கிறதாகத்தெரிகிறது. பொதுத்தேர்தலில் காங்கிரஸ் தோற்றுப்போன இடங்களிலெல்லாம் ரோடுகள் சரியானமுறையில் செப்பனிடப்படாமல் மிகவும் மோசமான நிலைமையில் இருந்துவருகின்றன என்பது அரசாங்கத்திற்குத் தெரியுமா ? தெரிந்திருப்பின் அதற்கான பரிகாரத்தைத்தேட இனியாவது அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, I have no knowledge of the inferior quality of the work done by the contractor as alleged by the hon. Member. If the hon. Member has got any definite or specific complaint, let him make a representation to me in writing and I shall have it looked into."

Neiveli Lignite Project.

* 1117 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Advisory Committee has been constituted by the State Government for the Lignite Project at Neiveli, South Arcot district;

(*b*) if so, the names of the members thereof;

(*c*) whether all the expenses are met by the Government of India; or whether part of the expenses of the project are met by this Government;

(*d*) what are the expenses of the State Government and their powers over the Neiveli Lignite Project;

(*e*) how many have met with accidents so far, how many died, and what the amount of compensation paid was;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the Neiveli Lignite Project officers are not appointing labourers permanently; and

(*g*) how many times the Hon. Minister for Industries and Labour inspected the Lignite Project area at Neiveli and whether he investigated into the conditions of the labourers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The answer[b] is placed on the table of the House."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 80 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 80–82 infra.